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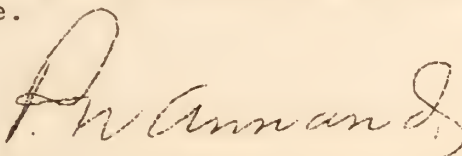
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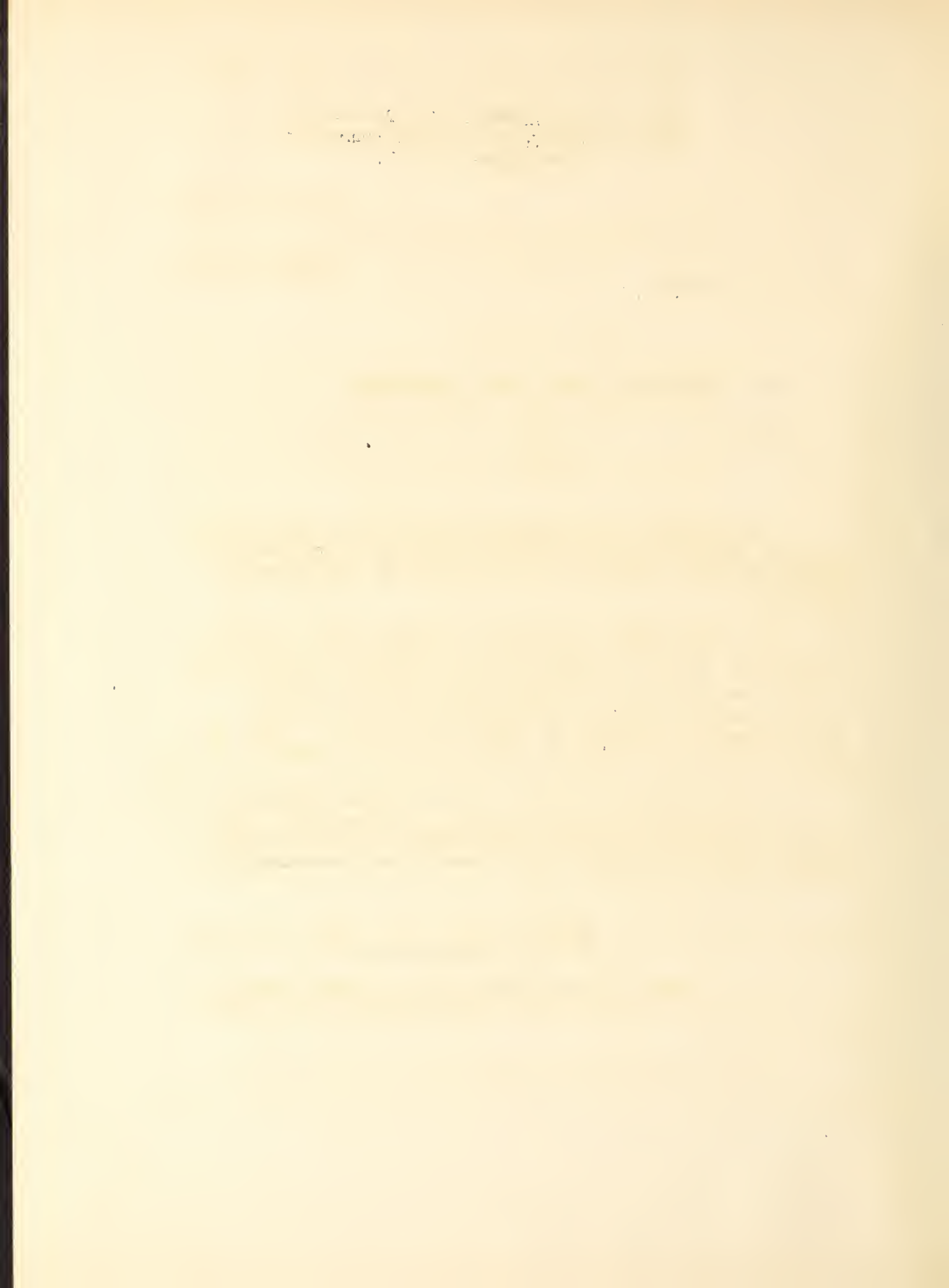
This summary of the plant-quarantine import restrictions of Burma has been prepared for the information of exporters of plants and plant products to that country and plant quarantine officials.

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BASIC LEGISLATION

Department of Agriculture and Forests
Agricultural Branch, Rangoon, Burma
Notification No. 377, December 16, 1940
Notification No. 13 (Corrigendum), January 15, 1941
Notification No. 56, February 28, 1941
Notification No. 89, April 24, 1941
Notification No. 141, June 2, 1941.

In accordance with the provisions of the Insects and Pests Act and in supersession of all previous orders, the Governor makes the following order for the purpose of prohibiting, regulating, and restricting the import into Burma of the articles hereinafter specified.

CONCISE SUMMARY

Certificate Requirements

A Federal certificate is required with all plants, other than fruits and vegetables intended for consumption, in a prescribed form. (Para 6.) (By definition, "plant" does not include seeds.) (Par. 5.)

A certificate from the consignor and a Federal certificate in relation to potato wart disease are required with shipments of potatoes. (Par. 6.)

A special certificate issued by the Entomologist, Burma, is required with plants used for the purpose of introducing parasitic insects into Burma. (Pars. 3 and 4.)

Two certificates are required with importations of rubber plants (Par. 7), citrus plants (Par. 8), and unmanufactured tobacco (Par. 9).

A special certificate is required with importations of sugarcane. (Par. 10.)

Importation Prohibited

Cotton, unginmed. (Par. 15 (1).)
Gram (chick pea, Cicer arietinum). (Par. 16.)
"Mexican jumping bean" (Sebastiania palmeri). (Par. 12 (b).)
Sugarcane from the Fiji Islands, New Guinea, Australia, and
the Philippine Islands. (Par. 10.)

Importation Restricted

Berseem (Egyptian clover) seeds. Pars. 12 (a) and 14.)
Citrus plants. (Par. 8.)
Coffee plants, seeds and beans. (Par. 13.)
Cottonseed. (Pars. 12 (a) and 15 (2).)
Flaxseed. (Par. 12 (a).)
Hevea rubber plants and seeds. (Par. 11.)
Potatoes. (Par. 6.)
Rubber plants. (Par. 7.)
Sugarcane from countries other than the Fiji Islands,
New Guinea, Australia, and the Philippine Islands.
(Par. 10.)

Importation Unrestricted

Fruits and vegetables intended for consumption.
Roasted or ground coffee. (Par. 13.)

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Notification No. 377

1. Definitions.

(i) "Official certificate" means a certificate granted by the proper officer or authority in the country of origin. (In the United States the U. S. Department of Agriculture has been designated by the Burmese authorities as the proper authority to issue such certificates.)

(ii) "Plant" means a living plant or part thereof, but does not include seeds.

(iii) All provisions referring to plants or seeds shall apply also to all packing material used in packing or wrapping such plants or seeds.

Restrictions on Means of Transportation

2. No plant shall be imported into Burma by letter or parcel post, except sugarcane for planting intended to be grown under the personal supervision of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, East Central Circle, Pyinmana. (See also Par. 10.)

3. No plants shall be imported into Burma by air, except those used for the purpose of introducing living insects accompanied by a special certificate from the Entomologist, Burma, stating that the plants are imported for such purpose, and sugarcane for the Deputy Director of Agriculture, East Central Circle, Pyinmana, if the conditions of paragraph 10 are satisfied.

Fumigation Required

4. No plants, other than fruits and vegetables intended for consumption, potatoes, and unmanufactured tobacco, either raw or cured, shall be imported into Burma by sea, except after fumigation with hydrocyanic acid gas at the port of Rangoon, except that plants which are used for the purpose of introducing insect parasites may be imported without fumigation when accompanied by the required special certificate from the Entomologist, Burma. (Another proviso relates to rubber plants grown in Sumatra or in the Federated Malay States.)

Certificate Required

5. No plants, other than unmanufactured tobacco imported from India, fruits and vegetables intended for consumption, and potatoes, shall be imported into Burma by sea unless accompanied by an official certificate that they are free from injurious insects and diseases. The certificate shall be in the form prescribed, or in a form as near thereto as may be and supplying all the information called for in the prescribed form. (See p. 6.)

SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS

Potatoes

6. Potatoes shall not be imported into Burma by sea or by air, except from India, unless they are accompanied by--

(a) A certificate from the consignor stating fully in what country, and in what district of such country, the potatoes were grown and guaranteeing that wart disease was not known to exist on the farms where the potatoes were grown; and

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(b) An official certificate that no case of wart disease of potatoes has been known during the 12 months preceding the date of the certificate, within 5 miles of the place where the potatoes were grown.

Rubber Plants, including Hevea

7. Rubber plants imported into Burma by sea must be accompanied by two certificates, the form prescribed in paragraph 5 and an official certificate affirming that the estate from which the plants originated, or that the individual plants, are free from Fomes lignosus, Sphaerostilbe repens, Dothidella ulei (Melanopsammopsis ulei) (Fusicladium macrosporium), and Oidium heveae:

11.* Hevea rubber plants and seeds shall not be imported into Burma from America or the West Indies except by the Director of Agriculture, Burma.

Citrus Plants and Cuttings

8. No lemon, lime, orange, grapefruit, or other citrus plants, or cuttings thereof, shall be imported into Burma unless, in addition to the certificate prescribed in paragraph 5, they are accompanied by an official certificate affirming that they are free from the Mal Secco caused by Deuterophoma tracheiphila, or that the disease does not exist in the country in which they were grown.

Unmanufactured Tobacco

9. Unmanufactured tobacco, either raw or cured, shall not be imported into Burma by sea unless, in addition to the certificate prescribed in paragraph 5, it is accompanied by an official certificate affirming that Ephestia elutella does not occur in the country of origin.

Sugarcane

10. Importation of sugarcane into Burma by sea from the Fiji Islands, New Guinea, Australia, or the Philippine Islands is prohibited absolutely. From other countries sugarcane may be imported into Burma by sea or by air, only by the Deputy Director of Agriculture, East Central Circle, Pyinmana, to be grown by him in quarantine for 1 year, when accompanied by an official certificate stating that the sugarcane has been examined and found free from cane borers, scale insects,

*The numbered paragraphs do not follow in sequence, because an effort has been made to assemble the paragraphs on "Specific Restrictions" in one place, to be followed by the paragraphs on "Prohibitions."

white flies, root disease (any form), pineapple disease, Ceratostomella paradoxa or Thielaviopsis paradoxa, serah dwarf disease, leaf scald, and cane gummosis, that it was obtained from a crop which was free from mosaic and streak diseases, and that the Fiji disease of sugarcane does not occur in the country of export.

Seeds of Flax, Berseem, and Cotton

12. (a) Seeds of flax, berseem (Egyptian clover), and cotton shall not be imported into Burma by air, or by letter or parcel post otherwise than by sea.

14. Flaxseed and berseem seed may be imported by sea only under a license issued by the Director of Agriculture, Burma.

15. (2) Cottonseed may be imported by sea for experimental purposes only by the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Myingyan Circle, Meiktila, in quantities not exceeding one hundredweight (112 pounds) in any one consignment, through the port of Rangoon only, to be fumigated upon arrival with carbon bisulfide.

Coffee

13. Coffee plants, seeds, and beans shall not be imported into Burma except for experimental planting purposes by the Director of Agriculture, Burma, or the Principal Agricultural Officer, Federated Shan States. This prohibition does not apply to roasted and ground coffee.

PROHIBITIONS

Mexican Jumping Beans

12. (b) The importation of "Mexican jumping beans" (Sebastiania palmeri of the family Euphorbiaceae) into Burma is prohibited absolutely.

Unginned Cotton

15. (1) Unginned cotton shall not be imported by sea or by air.

Gram

16. The importation of gram (chick pea, Cicer arietinum) into Burma is prohibited absolutely.



PRESCRIBED FORM OF CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the plant(s), living plant(s), or plant products, a representative sample of the plant(s), living plant(s), or plant products (strike out the words not applicable) included in the consignment, of which particulars are given below, were/w s thoroughly examined on the (date)

by (name) , a duly authorized official of the and found to be healthy, no evidence of the presence of any injurious insect, pest, or disease [destructive to agricultural or horticultural crops or to trees or bushes having been found in/on them and that the consignment (including the packing) covered by this certificate has/has not been treated in the following manner (e.g. fumigated with

or disinfected with)] prior immediately subsequent

to inspection. Inspected in the field by a duly authorized Not inspected inspector on .

(Signature)
(Official Status)

Date

Number and description of packages

Distinguishing marks

Description of plants or plant products or parts thereof

Stated to be grown at

Exported by

Name and address of consignee

Name of vessel or particulars of route

Date of shipment

Port or place of entry

Additional certificate(s) attached

(Give here details of any special certificate or certificates issued in respect of imports specifically scheduled.)

(According to information received from the Secretary to the Government of Burma, the standard export certificate, Form EQ-375, will be acceptable on condition that it contains all the information called for in the above form. A statement should be made under "Qualifying Notations" that the certification includes packing material. In addition, the names and addresses of the shipper and consignee should be given in the body of the certificate, along with the date of shipment and port or place of entry. In case the certification is in relation to fumigation, a description of the treatment should be given under "Qualifying Notations.")